

The Hong Kong Telegraph.



SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

No. 3021

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1891.

Banks.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £2,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL £350,000.

LONDON:
Head Office 40, Threadneedle Street,
West End Office 25, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN
AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT,
Buys and Sells BILLS OF EXCHANGE,
ISSUES LETTERS OF CREDIT, forwards BILLS for
COLLECTION, and Transacts Banking and
Agency Business generally, on terms to be had
on application.

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager. [1510]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorized Capital £1,000,000.
Subscribed Capital £500,000.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors.

D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. W. W. Wotton, Esq.
C. J. Hirst, Esq. Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.
G. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Chief Manager.
A. B. MCKEAN, Acting Chief Manager.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN LONDON.

THOMAS CARMichael, Esq.—Messrs. Dent,
Palmer & Co.
JOHN BUTTERY, Esq.—Messrs. John Buttery &
Co.
C. B. STUART-WORTLEY, Esq., M.P., for Hallam.
GEO. MUNRO, Manager.

Bankers.

London: The Alliance Bank (Ld.)
Scotland: The Commercial Bank of Scotland.

SHANGHAI, ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Hui Fu Yuen, Esq. Lin Kwan King, Esq.
Ma Kie Tchong, Esq. Chu Ming Siang, Esq.
Tong Kwei Sung, Esq.

J. D. THORNBURN, Manager, pro tem.

Amoy H. Pinckney, pro. Agent.
AGENCIES.

Canton Shaw & Co.
Koochow M. W. Greig & Co.
Hankow R. R. Graves.

Tianjin R. M. Erskine & Co.

Newchwang, Bandinal & Co.
Chapo Cornhill & Co.
Yokohama E. Watson.

Manila Wilson, Hermann & Co.

Batavia Knowles & Co.

Saleen Banque de l'Indo-Chine.

Haihung Banque de l'Indo-Chine.

Singapore A. L. Johnston & Co.

Panang Sandilands, Buttery & Co.

Bombay National Bank of India, Ltd.

Calcutta Do.

Madras National Bank of India and the
Bank of Madras.

Frances Credit Lyonnais.

Africa The African Banking Corporation.

Canada Bank of Montreal.

United States Do.

Vancouver Bank of British Columbia.

California Do.

New Zealand Colonial Bank of New Zealand.

THE Bank is now prepared to make advances

on goods in neutral Godowns, and on

other securities, at rates to be obtained on

application; also to receive Money on Current

Account or Fixed Deposit.

Interest for 12 months Fixed 5 per Cent.

5 " 4 "

Current Accounts 3 "

For Rates of Interest for other periods apply

to the Manager.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1891. [1529]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MY Son, HENRY HUMPHREYS, was
admitted into Partnership with me on
the 1st day of July last.

JNO. D. HUMPHREYS.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1891. [1511]

THE Business hereinafter carried on under
the name of JNO. D. HUMPHREYS will
henceforth be conducted under the name of
John D. Humphreys & Son.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1891. [1516]

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has this Day established
himself as AUCTIONEER and GOODS
BROKER.

GEO. P. LAMMERT.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1891. [1448]

NOTICE.

TAI ON SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

I, U CHEUK TONG, have this day been
appointed GENERAL MANAGER of the
above Company.

U CHEUK TONG,

General Manager.

Hongkong, 25th November, 1891. [1449]

G. FALCONER & CO.,
WATCH and CHRONOMETER MANU-
FACTURERS and JEWELLERS.
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,
CHARTS and BOOKS.

No. 48, Queen's Road Central. [1505]

Insurances.

EXAMPLES OF THE COST
OF INSURANCE TO A MAN AGED 30
NEXT BIRTHDAY.

£1,000 STG. payable at death, would
cost per quarter at the rate of

£ 6 18 0 (a) If premiums are payable for
whole of life;

or £ 9 11 6 (b) If premiums are limited to 20
years;

or £ 11 4 6 (c) If premiums are limited to 15
years;

or £ 13 0 0 (d) If the Sum Assured is made
payable at age 50, or at
death if previous.

Secured payments.

THE same provisions will commence at age 40
n. b. would cost respectively (a) £ 8 15 0,
(b) £ 11 5 0, (c) £ 12 2 0, (d) £ 12 0 8 per quarter.

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents.

STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE
INSURANCE COMPANY OF
NEW ZEALAND.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept
FIRE and MARINE INSURANCES on
favourable terms.

Current rates and a guaranteed Bonus equal
to that paid by the local Offices.

GEO. R. STEVENS & CO.,
Agents.

No. 2, Queen's Road, Hongkong. [1514]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED £1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
etc. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE.

No. 2, Queen's Road, WEST.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1892. [1516]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

£100,000,000, EQUAL TO
RESERVE FUND £100,000,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq. LO YEEU MOON, Esq.
LOU TEO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1891. [1178]

Intimations.

REGATTA HOLIDAYS.

THE Undersigned BANKS will be
CLOSED for the Transaction of Public
Business at Noon, on THURSDAY & FRIDAY,
the 17th and 18th inst.

For the CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF

INDIA, LONDON, and CHINA.

E. L. HUNTER, Manager, Hongkong.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,

AUSTRALIA, and CHINA.

T. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING

CORPORATION.

F. DE BOVIS, Chief Manager.

For the NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION,
LIMITED,

E. W. RUTTER, Manager.

For the COMPTOIR NATIONAL D'ESCOMPTÉ
DE PARIS,

L. GLENAT, Acting Agent.

FOR THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, and THE
STRAITS, LIMITED, HONGKONG,
DE WESTRAY LAYTON, Secretary.

FOR THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED,

A. B. MCKEAN, Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1891. [1514]

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAM-
WAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Seventh Ordinary General MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Com-
pany will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, on
THURSDAY, the 24th instant, at Noon, for the
Purpose of receiving the Report of the General
Manager, and Statement of Accounts, for the
year ended the 30th November, 1891.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 24th inst.,
both days inclusive.

MACKENZIE, FRICKEL & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1891. [1483]

THE LABUK PLANTING COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING of the above Company will
be held at the Hongkong Hotel, on
THURSDAY, the 24th instant, at 5 p.m., for the presentation of
the Report of the General Manager, and
Accounts to 30th September last, and the trans-
action of any other business that can com-
munity be brought before an Ordinary General
Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from 15th to 31st instant, both
days inclusive.

TURNER & CO.,
General Managers.

The Labuk Planting Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1891. [1508]

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LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.'S CHOICE WINES—

A YALA & CO.'S EXTRA-DRY CHAMPAGNE.
ADET

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1891.

Intimations.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA,

LIMITED,

CHEMISTS, &c.

CONFECTIONERY.

CHOCOLATES.

NOUGAT.

PRALINES.

PASTILLES.

&c., &c.

BEST QUALITY OBTAINABLE.

Nos. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL

LONDON, HONGKONG AND AMOY.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

WE invite attention to our "first" supplies

OF

CONFECTIONERY AND CHRISTMAS GOODS

RECEIVED BY THE LAST MAIL

JORDAN ALMONDS, NOUGAT, BUTTER SCOTCH, ASSORTED TOFFEES,

DRAEES, PRALINES, and a large selection of PURE CONFECTIONERY from the leading Manufacturers.

CADBURY'S SPECIAL CHOCOLATE CREAMS.

PINE, APRICOT, CHERRY, LIME, GUAVA, and other FRUIT JELLIES in great variety.

TOM SMITH'S CHRISTMAS CRACKERS.

COLOURED OPALS mounted in Plush, representing favourite subjects.

A large assortment of ENGLISH and JAPANESE CHRISTMAS CARDS, of handsome and artistic designs, suitable to all tastes, and at moderate prices.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1891.

THE EGYPTIAN BUDGET.
The Egyptian budget for the year 1892 shows a surplus of half a million sterling.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE German gunboat *Floris* arrived at Ningpo on the 9th inst.

THE Hoang Pilgrims are expected here in the steamship *Avocet* to-morrow.

THE Italian cruiser *Staffeta* will soon join the *Volturino* on the China station.

THE French cruiser *Inconstant* left Chinkiang bound for Wuhu on the 10th inst.

PROFESSOR Friedenthal's concert comes off at the City Hall to-night, at 9 p.m.

THE British gunboat *Redpole* arrived at Chinkiang on the 9th inst. to relieve the *Swift*.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Castor* left Bombay for this port on the evening of the 11th inst.

THE Agents (Messrs. Dodwell, Cardill & Co.) inform us that the steamship *Pathan* left Singapore for this port yesterday, and is due on or about the 20th inst.

ISN'T Monsieur Henri Bryols getting too much in evidence—becoming rather a nuisance in fact, in the columns of our Shanghai contemporaries? Enough is an good a feast, even of genuses like M. Henri Bryols.

INDICATIONS of an extensive coal field have been found at Conjeevaram, not far from Madras, and a Company is in course of formation—that is, of course—the intention being to search for coal seams by means of steam-boring machinery.

WE give our infinite pleasure to learn, on the authority of the *Shan-pao*, that the Taotai of Shanghai "has benevolently caused to be made and distributed 200 suits of wadded clothing for the use of the night watchmen and street gate-keepers" in that evil-smelling city.

A NATIVE contemporary reports that a fire lately broke out in the business portion of Hangchow, destroying many large stores. The damage was great and the loss considerable. Also that on the night of December and a heavy fall of snow occurred in Hangchow, when the wind was very strong and the cold intense.

WE find the A. & S. Highlanders will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess this evening, commencing at 8 p.m.—

March, "The Sergeant" Desperado, "The Sergeant" Audra, Selection, "Olivets" Ach, Desperado, "The Flamingo" Ach, Selection, "The Pictures of Passion" Sullivan.

A CHANCERY suit has been cheerfully jogging along in Melbourne for the past six years. During that time two judges concerned in the case, and both the leading lawyers, have died, and some other eminent jurists are pocketing fees and refreshers in their stead. Another striking instance of *Jardynes v. Jardynes*.

THE Kuklung has been engaged by the Committee of the V.R.C. as flagship for the regatta on the 12th and 13th instant, and through the courtesy of Mr. D. Gillies the *Pilot Fish* will leave Pedder's wharf on Thursday and Friday next at 12.30 and 1 p.m., to take spectators off to the Kuklung, where tiffin will be procurable. The eight-oared race, Club v. United Services, will take place on Saturday at 3.30 p.m.

THE time it will take anybody to count 1,000,000 sovereigns at the rate of three a second, twelve hours to the day, sums up to 7 days 8 hours 35 minutes and 23 1/3rd. seconds. If any of our readers, who would like to try this interesting experiment, doesn't happen to have a million sovereigns handy, he can borrow them from the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. If all tales be true, that flourishing institution doesn't know what to do with its surplus stock of sovereigns just now.

A JAPANESE paper, the *Shogyo Shimpō*, states that about seven persons were arrested at Tokushima, in the province of Awa, on the 1st inst., on suspicion of having gambled in sherry. Great Scott! Kerwick's Hongkong Share Abortion is not a circumstance compared with the cast-iron statistics of liberal-minded, free Japan. But there's a good time coming, boy, even in the degraded Land of the Rising Sun. The French Revolution is an instructive chapter in the world's history.

THE British steamer *Sandakan* will be sold by auction at Singapore on Friday, the 18th inst. British steamers would seem to be a bit of a drug on the Far Eastern market just now. And yet the poor, unfortunate Germans' boom along, and amass the skeletoons of the Philistines by the picul. We shall have to pay for the sale of public interests, it must be clearly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

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and of the most venal description, and the defendant says that the said reports of money lending to the Government employees and contractors became and were matters of public notoriety, discussion and interest, and the words complained of were a fair and *bona fide* comment upon the several matters aforesaid and upon the plaintiff as an Overseer of Works in the Public Works Department of Government of Hongkong and in reference thereto and were printed and published by the defendant as and for such comment and without any malicious interest or motive whatever, the words being true in substance and in fact.

In addition to paragraph four of the defendant's answer the defendant further says that in or about the month of September 1888 the plaintiff did attempt to criminally outrage and he did at his residence in this Colony indecently assault a Chinese child named Ah Fat of tender years, to wit about six years of age, and another did seduce and afterwards live in concubinage and by her had issue with an European girl she being the daughter of the plaintiff's concubine with whom the plaintiff had lived for several years; that such conduct, more especially in a Government Servant, is a gross outrage on public decency and decorum and such Government Servant is unfit to be retained in the Public service of this Colony; and the matters aforesaid were printed and published by the defendant as and for such comment on a Public Servant and without any malicious interest or motive whatever and the said words are true in substance and in fact." That constituted the whole of the pleadings. Unfortunately (the learned counsel said) he would have to go over them again in order to put before the jury as clearly as possible the questions to be discussed in the course of the case, otherwise many of the points might be unintelligible. The first article (August 12th), of which publication was admitted, was a general attack on the Public Works Department, as being thoroughly incompetent and corrupt. Defendant therein was only following but the admitted line of conduct followed for many years by his editor of the paper. But in course of that article he deliberately singled out, in a way that could leave no doubt in the mind of any ordinary reader, the plaintiff Minbinett, and charged him personally with corruption and with receiving considerable sums from contractors as bribes, and with possessing much property derived corruptly. Defendant pointed out the impossibility of a man in plaintiff's position getting such property honestly. In his defence Mr. Fraser-Smith said to deny that that was his meaning, and said that he simply meant to impute venality to Minbinett, in that he was a money-lender. In the second article he improved on that, saying that the man alleged was towards subordinates in the P.W.D. Finally he alleged that whatever he had said could be proved, and that was what was called "privileged," and was a fair journalistic comment. The second article (Sept. 20th, 1890) was a comment on the police court trial of Minbinett for rape. The plaintiff claimed that what Mr. Fraser-Smith meant to convey in that article and what the public would understand from it was that plaintiff was in fact guilty of the offence alleged. In reply to the petition defendant did not directly admit or deny this imputation but alleged that plaintiff was at any rate guilty of certain abominable offences against morality. The plea of privilege meant that though there might be some inaccuracy in the alleged belief, it was a fair and reasonable and honest effort in the public interest. That plea if established would be quite sufficient. The learned counsel then went at great length into the matter, at dispute between Fraser-Smith and Minbinett, and then proceeded to take the articles complained of, piece by piece, and show how each statement made in the paper was contested and was held to be libellous. Mr. Francis read the whole police court proceedings from the magistrate's notes. The magistrate had found the prisoner to be innocent, and yet the defendant wrote articles which could only be taken as assertions of his guilt. This repetition and aggravation of charges that had been disproved could, only be the result of malice and spite. A "dispassionate review of the whole proceedings" was what a man in Mr. Fraser-Smith's position, savagely angry with Minbinett for his civil actions against him, could not possibly be connected with. There was no shadow of justification for this attack, which was as gross an instance of the licence, as contrasted with the liberty, of the press, as could be put before jury. He was guilty of every fault that could vitiate the plea of privilege. It contained insinuations based not on public statements but private information: Year by year greater liberty was given to public writers but the wider this liberty, the more necessary was it to prevent their overrating it. Mr. Fraser-Smith's conduct was as great a blot on the page of journalistic literature as any that ever existed. Evidence would be called to show (1) the inaccuracy of each separate statement; (2) the relations between Fraser-Smith and Minbinett. At present the learned counsel proposed only to deal with the evidence of the Police Court trial, the articles published, and the motives; if the defendant called evidence of any weight to prove the allegations, plaintiff would then be entitled to call further evidence to rebut them. As to damages if the jury decided for plaintiff, it was for them to consider the whole course of defendant's conduct both before and after the publication, in assessing the amount.

The depositions taken in the police court case, and copies of the *Telegraph* of various dates, were then put in; also proceeding in the suits of 1890, and 82 of 1890, in the Supreme Court. Shortly after four o'clock the Court adjourned until to-morrow at 11 a.m.

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

The *Empress* line of steamships run by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company between Hongkong and Vancouver has already, even though only nine months old, so greatly developed and so quickly exceeded the estimates formed of its prosperity, that it is now found necessary to establish a head office for Asia exclusively, without hindrance of further expansion. Mr. Geo. Dodwell, who had held the agency from the origin of the Canadian route between China and England, both under the old system of the chartered Goliath liners and since the new boats came out, has found that other business pressurized him too much. His firm, Messrs. Dodwell, Carill & Co., has probably the largest shipping connection in the East, which of course expands year by year. Mr. Dodwell's arrangement with the Canadian Pacific Co. was, apart from his firm, and it was at one time suggested that he devote himself exclusively to the C.P.R. Co., taking no active part in Dodwell, Carill & Co. This he found he could not do, as the young and rising firm that succeeded Adamson, Bell & Co. required almost the whole of his time. Consequently it was decided, somewhat against

the will of all parties, to disperse the Asiatic headquarters of the C.P.R. Co. from Dodwell, Carill & Co., and set up an establishment fit to rank among the first of the kind in China and Japan.

Mr. Shaughnessy, Vice President of the C.P.R. Co. paid a visit to Hongkong to inquire into the possibilities and necessities of the affair, and with him came Mr. Holloway, who is to be head of the Eastern branch. As a result of their investigations it is found advisable to secure a fine building in the centre of the town, which shall worthily stand as the C.P.R. head office in the East. Mr. Holloway will be able to develop with a free hand the Pacific passenger and cargo traffic, which is to be brought to the highest pitch of perfection. At present it is not possible to say anything as to the establishment of a fortnight or weekly service, the enlargement of the fleet, the opening of a new C.P.R. line to Australia or India, or any new departure in the Atlantic service. The existing arrangement for the traffic between America and England is that three lines—Alcan, Dominion, and Beaver—run twice a week, to Montreal in summer, and Halifax in winter (sometimes to Portland, Maine, owing to some little misunderstanding about the subsidy)—but the fast service, by which the record passages were made, notably the 21 days' mile from Japan to London, is via New York, from which port the fastest Atlantic boats all sail. Whether the existing lines will combine to put on a speedier service from Canadian Atlantic ports, or whether the C. P. R. will induce other railway companies to join in putting on such a line as the *Empress*, is not yet known. What Mr. Shaughnessy has to do with just now is the development of the Pacific trade, and all can tell us is that the Canadian Pacific Co. will spare no expense to perfect the service and leave all competitors far behind.

CANTON.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

Canton, 14th December, 1891.

A few days ago Herr Friedenthal, the great pianist, paid Canton a flying visit and recited in the house of the Commissioner of Customs, for the Upper Ten only of course. It appears the German Consul kindly undertook to circulate the coming event and unfortunately forgot to specially tell his coolie that the members of the Customs *Out-door* staff were also allowed to attend, if they paid the usual entrance fee. The coolie therefore did as he was in the habit of doing on similar occasions, he took the circular to the members of the aristocracy only. So that not one of the *Out-door* staff people knew anything at all about it. Rather rough on Herr Friedenthal, who lost about \$50 by it, but then that is a minor consideration.

We are going to have another Chinese newspaper in Canton. The machinery is already erected on the Shamian and if I mistake not Mr. Xavier, the chancellor of the French Consulate here, is the manager (nominal or otherwise) Two of the new French Mission houses have been rented for the purpose at \$85 a month. Nothing much about us.

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, Capt. Wm. Ward, with the American mail of the 14th ult., arrived in port yesterday forenoon. We extract the following telegrams from our San Francisco exchanges:

LONDON, November 4th.

The *Chronicle*'s Paris correspondent says: The Pope prepared his religious will in October. It is written in Latin. The Pope disclaims any personal inclination as to the choice of his successor. The Pope's temporal will is being drafted by four cardinals in secret. All the Pope's property is invested in England.

In a religious riot at Mazandaran, Persia, a mob set fire to the house of General Sardar Gooly Khan, who was killed, with twenty dependents. The Sultan of Turkey has ordered hundreds of heavy guns from Krupp's for the defence of the Dardanelles.

The English Admiralty has decided to send a crew to the man-of-war *Champion* via Halifax, Canadian Pacific railway and Esquimalt. Hitherto it has been the custom to send crews of recommissioned ships to the Pacific by way of the Canal.

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Severe snow-storms continue in Bulgaria. At some points the snow is ten feet deep. Many persons have died from the effects of the cold, and thousands of cattle and sheep have been lost. Numerous wrecks are reported in the Black sea.

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It appears that in regard to the sensational murder mystery connected with the headless body of a man found in a cellar in the Rue Charron yesterday, the authorities made an investigation, which resulted in establishing the following facts: The man was strangled before being beheaded. The murderer carried the bleeding trunk to the place where it was found from the spot where the crime was committed. The place where the murderer hid his victim's head has not yet been discovered.

A dock laborer named Vawcort was been arrested on suspicion of being the murderer. Vawcort has once been in prison for an attempt to murder. He was seen to enter the house with a companion Sunday evening and depart alone Monday with a linen parcel!

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The suspension yesterday of the firm of Hirschfeld & Wolff, bankers, caused a sensation in financial circles, but it was nothing to the developments of to-day. It was reported at the time the failure was announced that the Empress of Germany and Prince Henry of Prussia were liable to lose a large amount by the failure, and that Minister of Public Worship Dr. von Gossler had lost his entire fortune and many members of the most aristocratic families were involved in the firm's troubles.

Under such circumstances a rigid investigation into the affairs of Hirschfeld & Wolff was only natural. This inquiry into the bankers' business methods commenced yesterday and resulted in the morrow in the arrest of Herr Wolff, head of the firm, on a charge of the most serious nature, the particulars of which have not yet been made public. This financial upheaval is the only thing being talked about to-day in Berlin, and further and more startling developments are expected when the full fact is become known. The amount of the firm's liabilities is not announced, but it is understood that it is very high.

Hirschfeld & Wolff assisted Banker Joseph Lepisiger some years ago, out of difficulty, and since then they operated jointly, Lepisiger accepting bills of accommodation. Lepisiger is the largest debtor. The realization on Wolff's assets will therefore depend upon the solvency of Lepisiger. The public prosecutor is proceeding against Wolff's son for spreading false news on the bourse about the Emperor William's health.

STOCKHOLM, November 5th.

Owing to the bursting of a Krupp gun during a recent test by the military authorities, the Swedish Inspector of Ordnance has gone to Eisen to discuss the affair with the Krupp. Very likely he was murdered by the rebels. Yeh Chia-ao, Brevet-General and Major-General, commanding the garrison at and around Tientsin, has been slain by the rebels, or such is the report current amongst the Chinese here and in Tientsin. It is also reported that a Foreign Roman Catholic priest has been quartered, or rather divided into eight pieces, something in the style of the *Huay Chih* business, by the rebels. A Mongol prince also lost his life, whether by suicide or murder is not yet known. The number of rebels is estimated variously from 500 to 30,000. It is difficult to strike the medium.—*Mercury*.

MADRID, November 5th.

Rain has fallen in torrents in the province of Matang, and the lower quarters of Golia and Percol are submerged.

HALIFAX (N. S.), November 5th.

The steamer *Otto* has been wrecked on Blod rock. All were saved except Mrs. Lindsay, the stewardess.

ST. JOHN (N. F.), November 5th.

The steamer *Paris* has been lost. The master, J. C. Keen, his four sons and two others are missing. The *Louise Jane* has also been lost.

LONDON, November 6th.

Further advice from the Island of Negropont, in the Egean sea, state that the total number of people who perished by the burning of the unknown British oil steamer was twenty.

A dispatch received to-day says the steamer *Leander* in the vicinity of Negropont has been identified as the British steamer *Lux*, bound from Batoum for Antwerp.

A dispatch from Vienna to the *Times* says that a telegram has been received in that city from Peneff, the artist, stating that he was arrested at Borkichev, Russian Poland, and was confined for thirty-six hours. He was subsequently released and expelled from Russia.

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On the other hand, if the Siamese Government acceded to the British Minister's demand to dismiss me for no offence committed against either the English or Siamese law, it would incur the odium of all men of spirit and the breach of treaty so committed might have been brought up against Siam on a future occasion.

Remember the fable of the wolf and the lamb.

Now, when I addressed my letter to the British Minister, I fully anticipated his action, and considered it my duty to the Siamese Government to save it from either of the foregoing alternatives. This could only be done by resigning my position, and I have the letter of the Acting Minister of Education, acknowledging receipt of my letter of 7th instant, in which I stated that "circumstances compelled" me to resign the post held under the Government of Siam.

I write this simply in the interest of the Siamese Government, which I should be sorry to hear wrongfully condemned for having thrown over an old and tried servant at the dictation of a man smarting under the sting of language which I am ready at any time to justify. For my own part, if I had been dismissed at such dictation, I should have felt no disgrace. But, if I had deliberately prostituted my office, I should have felt degraded indeed, and ought to have been grateful to any man who pointed out to me that I should look infinitely more dignified dangling decently at the

To-day's
Advertisements.

ST. ANDREW'S HALL,
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

THIS EVENING,
the 15th December.

A GRAND CONCERT

Will be given by the Celebrated
PIANO VIRTUOSO

HERR ALBERT
FRIEDENTHAL.

Doors open at 8:30; to commence at 9 p.m.

Reserved Seats..... \$2.00
(Back seats in last 3 rows \$1.00).

The Box plan at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH,
Hongkong, 15th December, 1891. [148]

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
THE Steamship

"PATHAN,"
Captain Roy, will be despatched as above
on or about TUESDAY, the 22nd instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARILLI & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1891. [1519]

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, PORT SAID, SUEZ,
JEDDAH, SUAKIM, MASSAWAH,
HODEDDA, ADEN, BOMBAY,
COLOMBO, PENANG, AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship
"MARIA TERESA"
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that their Goods, with the exception of
Opium, are being landed at their risk into the
Godowns of the Wanchai Warehouse and
Storage Co., Ltd., Wanchai, whence delivery
may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to receive their Goods
on the Wharf are at liberty to do so.

This vessel brings on Cargo a
From Trieste, ex S.S. "IMPERATOR," transhipped
at Bombay.

From Calcutta, ex S.S. "NIORE," transhipped
at Colombo.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all claims must be
sent in to the Underwriters before NOON on the
22nd inst., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any
Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 22nd
inst., will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1891. [1517]

VICTORIA ROWING CLUB.

THE Committee having procured the Steamship
"Kuklung" as Flagship for the
REGATTA, beg to intimate that adittance
thereto is free to all, and that Tiffin can be
obtained on board on the 17th and 18th instant
on the occasion of the ANNUAL REGATTA.

The Ladies' Prize will be presented immediately
after the Race, and the other Prizes in the
Gymnasium of the V.R.C. on SATURDAY, the
19th instant, at 4:30 p.m.

Through the courtesy of Mr. GILLIES, the
Pilot Fish will leave Pedder's Wharf on Thurs-
day and Friday night at 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m.

The EIGHT-OARED RACE, CLUB v.
UNITED SERVICES, will take place on
SATURDAY at 3:30 p.m.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1891. [1518]

Hotels.

THE SHAMEEN HOTEL,
BRITISH CONCESSION, CANTON.

THIS FIRST CLASS HOTEL, admirably
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The Bed-rooms are cool, airy and comfortably
furnished, and the spacious Dining-Room, Sitting
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Wines, Spirits, &c., &c., of the best
quality only.

A WELL-APPOINTED BILLIARD-ROOM,
A. F. de ROZARIO,
Manager.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1891. [1517]

Intimations.

HONGKONG TIMBER
YARD, WANCHAI.

REGON PINE SPARS and LUMBER
Always on Hand.

Hongkong, 24th June, 1891. [1517]

NOTICE.

JEVE'S SANITARY COMPOUNDS
COMPANY, LIMITED.

JEVE'S WOOD PRESERVER OR
ANTISEPTIC PAINT.

THE undersigned have this day been
appointed Sole Agents for the sale
of the PERFECT DISINFECTANTS, and
shall procure suitable quantities
of the same for the use of the
British Consul and the U.S. Consul
and the Royal Pavilion, G.B. & C.,
Chief Secretary, Legal, Government, &c.

"It is the best disinfectant in use."

W. G. HUMPHREYS & CO.,
100, Queen's Road, Central.

Hongkong, 15th August, 1891. [1519]

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XMAS AND NEW YEAR PRESENTS.

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Inspection is respectfully invited.

MITTSU BUSSAN KAISHA,
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Hongkong, 15th December, 1891. [1519]

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Hongkong, 10th November, 1891. [1519]

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CHINESE GUNBOAT "CHOP-CHEUNG."

THE Engines of the "Chop-cheung" were con-
structed by Messrs. INGLIS & CO., of
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Cylinder Direct-Acting Surface Condensing type,
cylinder 20" and 38" dia.; with a stroke of 30".
The crank shaft is 6" dia. at the crank pin and
7" dia. at the journals. The H.P. Piston Rod is
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Pump 8" dia. by 12" stroke; and Double Acting
Pump and Bilge Pump (one each) 3" dia. by 12"
stroke.

These Engines have been very little used and
are in thoroughly good order.

The Boiler is of the Horizontal Multicellular
type, with three Furnaces and vertical Boilers on
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4' 10" dia. by 8' high. Tubes, 14' in number by
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recently undergone considerable repairs, and
would be in active service after five years.

For further Particulars, apply to

GORDON & CO.,
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Hongkong, 26th August, 1891. [1519]

FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD.

A REWARD of \$500 will be paid to any
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